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**Subject:** Comment on the Dewey-Burdock class III and class V injection well draft area permits.

This is my comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

Old uranium mines in the Dewey-Berdock area should be fully reclaimed before new mining is permitted. Adequate oversize of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the Proposed deep disposal wells will be impossible, and our groundwater is likely to be contaminated.

A full survey of cultural and historical sites that must be protected is needed before minining or deep disposal are allowed.

The proposed mine and Deep Disposal Wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7,000 old borehole that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of our ground water is likely.

The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done in a way that avoids creating or leaving contamination that will be reversible. This project should be stopped until it can be proved that any contamination will not migrate outside the area mined and aquifers affected can avoid contamination with uranium and heavy metal particles.

The EPA should only consider protection of the Public interest in our water and it should require that Powertech/Azarda provide a reserve account that will pay for cleanup of any contamination that results. The main owner and beneficiarys of the uranium produced are foreign and not likely to avoid leaving contamination that could lead to another Super fund cleanup that will be billed to taxpayers.